

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20179C1

This resolution amends Article 3 of the constitution to limit legislative sessions to 80 calendar days.

FISCAL NOTE

If this had been in place for the last two years, it would have had a positive impact on the General Fund of over \$1,000,000.00. Future costs to the General Fund are unknown, but there should be a savings.

There is no additional fiscal impact to the General Fund other than the normal costs associated with placing measures, such as initiatives and constitutional amendments, on the general election ballot for voter consideration. It is unknown, at this time, how many issues might eventually be placed on the 2012 general election ballot. Between 1998 and 2008, there were seventeen ballot measures placed on the general election ballot with an approximate cost of \$35,000 per ballot measure for printings and public notice requirements.

Prior to each general election, the Legislature appropriates funds to the Secretary of State to cover the cost of placing ballot measures on the upcoming general election ballot. The Legislature appropriated \$350,000 for the 2008 general election and \$370,000 for the 2010 general election, with the unused balances reverting back to the General Fund the following year.

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